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- 1. Thou God seest me. Gen. xvi. 13.
- 2. Is any thing too hard for the Lord?

 GEN. xviii. 14.
- 3. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? Gen. xviii. 25.
- 4. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

GEN. xix. 29.

5. God hath seen mine affliction.

GEN. XXXI. 42.

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6. Let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

GEN. XXXV. 3.

7. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

GEN. XXXIX. 20, 21.

- 8. God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. Gen. xli. 52.
- 9. Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good. Gen. 1. 20.
- 10. The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. Exop. i. 12.
- 11. And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt,

and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians. Exod. iii. 7, 8.

- 12. I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

 Exod. vi. 5.
- 13. How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? Exon. x. 3.
 - I am the Lord that healeth thee.
 Exod. xv. 26.
- 15. Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry. Exod. xxii. 22, 23.
- 16. If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down: for that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his

skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

Exod. xxii. 26, 27.

- 17. And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

 Numb, xii. 13.
- 18. Thou shalt consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. Deut. viii. 5.
- 19. And when we cried unto the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression.

 DEUT. XXVI. 7.
- 20. The Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left. Deut. xxxii. 36.
- 21. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I

make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

DEUT. XXXII. 39.

22. Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

DEUT. XXXIII. 25.

23. There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee.

DEUT. xxxiii. 26, 27.

24. The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

1 SAM. ii. 6, 7.

25. And he [Eli] said, It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good.

26. Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer [the stone of help,] saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

1 SAM. vii. 12.

- 27. And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

 1 Sam. xxx. 6.
- 28. And he [David] said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

2 Sam. xii. 22, 23.

29. It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction. 2 SAM. xvi. 12.

- 30. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears. 2 SAM. xxii. 7.
- 31. They prevented me in the day of my calamity: * but the Lord was my stay. 2 Sam. xxii. 19.
 - 32. The afflicted people thou wilt save. 2 SAM. xxii. 28.
- 33. The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation. 2 SAM. xxii. 47.
- 34. Let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for his mercies are great.

2 Sam. xxiv. 14.

35. Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well. 2 Kings iv. 26.

[&]quot; His enemies employed every method of treachery and malice to prevent his success."-REV. T. Scott.

- 36. The Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

 2 Kings xiv. 26, 27.
- 37. And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord.

2 Kings xix. 14.

- 38. In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.—See 2 KINGS xx. 1—6; 2 CHRON. xxxii. 24; ISA. xxxviii. 1—5.
- 39. When they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 2 CHRON. xv. 4.

- 40. And when he [Manasseh] was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom.

 2 Chron. xxxiii. 12, 13.
- 41. Thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly.

 NEH. ix. 33.
- 42. Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

 Job i. 20, 21.
- 43. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

 JOB ii. 10.
- 44. There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

- 45. Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: for he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

 Job v. 17—19.
- 46. Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. JOB xiv. 1.
- 47. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Jов xix. 25—27.

48. When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only.

JOB XXXIV. 29.

- 49. Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: that which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

 JOB XXXIV. 31, 32.
 - 50. Should it be according to thy mind?

 JOB XXXIV. 33.
- 51. Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

 Job xxxvi. 21.
- 52. Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

 JOB xl. 1, 2.
- 53. And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

 JOB xlii. 10.
- 54. O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord;

for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed. Psa. vi. 1, 2.

55. The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Psa. ix. 9.

56. Thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

Psa. xviii. 27.

- 57. He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

 Psa. xxii. 24.
- 58. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

 Psa. xxiii. 4.
- 59. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. Look

upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. Psa. xxv. 16—18.

- 60. In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

 Psa. xxvii. 5.
- 61. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Psa. xxvii. 13, 14.

- 62. His anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

 PSA. XXX. 5.
- 63. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper. Psa. xxx. 10.
- 64. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing [great joy]: thou

hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; to the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent.

Psa. xxx. 11, 12.

- 65. I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities; and hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my foot in a large room.

 Psa. xxxi. 7, 8
- 66. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

 PSA, XXXIV. 4.
- 67. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

 Psa. xxxiv. 6.
- 68. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

 PSA. XXXIV. 17, 19.

69. How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Psa. xxxvi. 7:

70. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Psa. xxxvii. 7, 8.

- 71. The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

 Psa. xxxvii. 39.
- 72. Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee. My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

 Psa. xxxviii. 9, 10.
- 73. When thou with rebukes dost correct man for inquity, thou makest his beauty

to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Psa. xxxix. 11.

- 74. I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

 Psa. xl. 17.
- 75. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. Psa. xlii. 5, 11; xliii. 5.
- 76. God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble. Psa. xlvi. 1.
- 77. Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Psa. 1. 15.
- 78. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Psa. lv. 22.

- 79. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

 Psa. lvii. 1.
- 80. Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Psa. lx. 11; eviii. 12.
- 81. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

 Psa. lxi. 2.
- 82. Thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Psa. lxvi. 10, 11.
- 83. A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

 Psa. lxviii. 5.
- 84. The Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. Psa. lxix. 33.

85. I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

Psa. lxx. 5.

- 86. Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. Psa. lxxi. 20.
- 87. He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. Psa. lxxii. 12.
- 88. O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

Psa. lxxix. 8.

89. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Psa. lxxxvi. 7.

90. Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law; that thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. Psa. xciv. 12, 13.

91. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

Psa. cii. 17.

- 92. Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry. Psa. cvi. 44.
- 93. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. PsA. cvii. 6, 13, 19, 28.
- 94. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Psa. cxv. 2, 3.
- 95. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I be seech thee, deliver my soul. Psa.cxvi.3, 4.

- 96. I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

 Psa. exviii. 5.
- 97. Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. Psa. exix. 49, 50.
- 98. Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Psa. cxix. 67.
- 99. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

 Psa. cxix. 71.
- 100. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

 Psa. cxix. 75.
- 101. Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

 Psa. cxix. 92.
 - 102. Trouble and anguish have taken

hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights. Psa. cxix. 143.

- 103. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

 Psa. cxxvi. 5, 6.
- 104. Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever.

 Psa. cxxxvi. 23.
- 105. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me.

 Psa. cxxxviii. 7.
- 106. I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

 Psa. cxl. 12.
- 107. I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication. I poured out my complaint before him; I showed before him my

within me, then thou knewest my path.

Psa. cxlii. 1—3.

1 SA. CAIII. 1—0.

- 108. Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

 Psa. exliii. 7.
- 109. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. Psa. cxlvii. 3.
- 110. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: for whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

 Prov. iii. 11, 12.
- 111. The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

 Prov. xi. 8.
- 112. Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

 Prov. xv. 10.

- 113. Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

 Prov. xx. 22.
- 114. Surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

 Prov. xxiii. 18.
- 115. If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. Prov. xxiv. 10.
- 116. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

Eccles. i. 14.

117. Who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow?

Eccles. vi. 12.

118. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is

better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. Eccles. vii. 2, 3.

119. In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider.

ECCLES. vii. 14.

120. Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

Isa. ii. 22.

- 121. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

 Isa. iv. 6.
- 122. Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary.

 ISA. viii. 13, 14.

123. I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

ISA. viii. 17.

- 124. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the Lord of hosts.

 ISA. ix. 12, 13.
- 125. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

 ISA. xxv. 4.
- 126. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.

 Isa. xxv. 8.
- 127. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

 ISA. xxvi. 3, 4.
- 128. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. Is A. XXVI. 20.

- 129. Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

 ISA. xxx. 18.
- 130. A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Isa.xxxii. 2.
- 131. O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

 ISA. xxxiii. 2.
- 132. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Isa. xl. 27, 28.

133. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

18A. xl. 29—31.

134. When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

Isa. xli. 17, 18.

135. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench.

Isa. xlii. 3: see also No. 196.

136. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through

the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

Isa. xliii. 2, 3.

137. Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

ISA. xlviii. 10.

138. The Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

ISA, xlix, 13—15.

139. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

ISA. 1. 10.

140. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isa. liii. 3—5.

- 141. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. ISA. liv. 8.
- 142. The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

143. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Isa. lxi. 1—3: see also No. 202.

144. I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

Isa. lxiii. 7.

- 145. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

 ISA. lxiii. 9.
- 146. In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction.

 JER. ii. 30.

147. Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?

JER. iii. 4.

148. O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

JER. v. 3.

149. Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.

Jer. x. 19.

- 150. O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

 Jer. x. 24.
- 151. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

 JER. xvii. 14.
- 152. Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil. JER. xvii. 17.
- 153. I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. Jer. xxxi. 18, 19.
- 154. Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

 JER. XXXII. 27.

155. Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

JER. xlix. 11.

156. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

Lam. iii. 22—24.

157. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Lam. iii. 26.

158. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

LAM. iii. 27.

159. For the Lord will not cast off for ever: but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

. EE-16 . iii . MA. I

- 160. Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. LAM. iii. 39, 40.
- 161. Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

 LAM. v. 21.
- 162. And ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God. EZEK. xiv. 23.
- 163. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? EZEK. xviii. 25.
- 164. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. EZEK. xx. 37.
- 165. He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay

his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

DAN. iv. 35.

- 166. When his [Nebuchadnezzar's] heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:—till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

 DAN. v. 20, 21.
- 167. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this.

 DAN. v. 22.
- 168. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day.

 DAN. ix. 7.
- 169. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him.

 DAN. ix. 9.
- 170. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my

face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Hosea v. 15.

171. Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

HOSEA vi. 1.

172. And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds.

HOSEA vii. 14.

173. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. Hosea xiii. 9.

174. O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves* of our lips. HOSEA xiv. 1, 2.

^{* &}quot;With their lips they would proclaim his praise; rendering him sacrifices of thanksgiving, far more acceptable than the calves of the stall." REV. T. SCOTT.

- 175. In thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

 Hosea xiv. 3.
- 176. O Lord, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

 JOEL i. 19.
- 177. Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

 JOEL ii. 13.
- 178. I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

 Amos iv. 11, 12.
- 179. Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, and said, I cried by

reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. Jon. ii. 1, 2.

180. When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

Jonan ii. 7.

- 181. Salvation is of the Lord. JONAH ii. 9.
- 182. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

 JONAH iii. 9.
- 183. The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

 MICAH vi. 9.
- 184. I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

 MICAH vii. 7.
 - 185. I will bear the indignation of the

Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

MICAH vii. 9.

- 186. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. MICAH vii. 18.
- 187. The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

 NAHUM i. 7.
- 188. Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Навак. ііі. 17, 18.

189. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the

earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

ZEPH. ii. 3.

- 190. I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. Zeph iii. 12.
- 191. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

 ZECH. xiii. 9.
- 192. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. MAL. iii. 3.
- 193. I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

 MAL. iii. 6.

194. When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

MATT. viii. 16, 17.

195. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

MATT. xi. 28-30.

196. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

MATT. xii. 20, 21: see also No. 135.

197. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with

compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

MATT. xiv. 14.

- 198. And he [Jesus] went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

 MATT. xxvi. 39.
- 199. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

 MATT. xxvi. 42.
- 200. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

 MATT. xxvi. 44.
- 201. And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he had

turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

MARK viii. 31—33.

202. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke iv. 17—19: see also No. 143.

203. Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

LUKE vii. 22, 23.

204. And he spake a parable unto them

to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

LUKE XVIII. 1.

205. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John xiv. 1.

206. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

JOHN xvi. 33.

207. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

JOHN xviii. 11.

208. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

JOHN xix. 28.

209. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

JOHN XIX. 80.

- 210. We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. Acrs xiv. 22.
- 211. The Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

 ACTS XX. 23, 24.
- 212. When he [the apostle Paul] would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done. Acts xxi. 14.
- 213. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Rom. v. 3—5.
 - 214. I reckon that the sufferings of this

present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Rom. viii. 16—18.

- 215. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

 Rom. viii. 28.
- 216. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?—Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

 Rom. viii. 35—39.
- 217. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

 Rom. xii. 12.

- 218. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

 1 Cor. x. 10.
- 219. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. x. 13.
- 220. We are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

 1 Cor. xi. 32.
- 221. As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

 1 Cor. xv. 49.
- 222. When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Con. xx. 54.

- 223. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort, wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. 2 Cor. i. 3—5.
- 224. We had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.

 2 Cor. i. 8—10.
- 225. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 2 Cor. iv. 8—10.

- 226. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor. iv. 16—18.
- 227. Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 2 Cor. viii. 1, 2.
- 228. If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

 2 Cor. xi. 30.
- 229. My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my

infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

2 Cor. xii. 9, 10.

- 230. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

 Eph. iii. 13.
- 231. According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Рип. і. 20.

232. Our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Phu. iii. 20, 21.

233. I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Phil. iv. 11—13.

234. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.

1 Thess. i. 6.

235. That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

1 THESS. iii. 3, 4.

236. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others

which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1 Thess. iv. 13, 14.

237. So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer.

2 THESS. i. 4, 5.

238. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

2 Thess. ii. 16, 17.

239. Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

1 TIM. v. 5.

- 240. Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 1 Tim. vi. 6—8.
- 241. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.

 2 Tim. i. 8.
- 242. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him [Christ Jesus]. 2 Tim. ii. 12.
- 243. The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. 2 Tim. iv. 18.
- 244. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

 Heb. ii. 10.

- 245. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

 HEB. ii. 18.
- 246. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

HEB. iv. 15, 16.

- 247. Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.

 Heb. v. 8.
- 248. My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasten-

eth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

HEB. xii. 5-11.

249. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Jas. i. 2—4.

250. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall

receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Jas. i. 12.

251. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

JAS. iv. 10.

252. Submit yourselves to God. Jas. iv. 7.

253. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering, affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Jas. v. 10, 11.

254. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord

shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Jas. v. 13-15.

255. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Jas. v. 16.

256. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

1 Pet. iv. 12—14.

257. If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Pet. iv. 16.

- 258. Let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

 1 Pet. iv. 19.
- 259. Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

 1 Pet. v. 6, 7.
- 260. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

 1 Pet. v. 10.
- 261. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

 Rev. iii. 19.

- 262. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me. These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more: neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them. and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Rev. vii. 13—17.
- 263. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in

the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Rev. xiv. 12, 13.

264. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

REV. xxi. 4.

265. There shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. xxii. 3—5.

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